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On February 25, Econoff delivered reftel talking points and non-paper to Dr. Nestor Herrera, the Designated Scientific Authority for CITES in the Ministry of Environment (MARN). Dr. Herrera said he was contacted by representatives from NOAA and DOI in January 2010 and was briefed on USG CITES submissions for COP 15. Dr. Herrera explained that El Salvador has not yet formed a position on USG submissions and he will be meeting with El Salvador's CITES Administrators in the Ministry of Agriculture (MAG) on March 5 to finalize their position. Dr. Herrera said that he will advise us of their position after the meeting with MAG. BLAU